

We claim:

1. A method of transmitting a message to a receiving computer comprising:
 - 5 (a) forming said message by
 - (i) forming a delivery wrapper as part of said message;
 - (ii) adding message data to said message; and
 - (iii) adding a presentation wrapper to said message, wherein said presentation wrapper comprises one or more components;
 - 10 (b) transmitting said delivery wrapper to said receiving computer;
 - (c) transmitting said data to said receiving computer;
 - (d) selectively transmitting said components of said presentation wrapper to said receiving computer by:
 - 15 (i) selecting one of said components;
 - (ii) transmitting said selected component unless a CNR message relating to said component has been received; and
 - (iii) repeating steps (d)(i) and (d)(ii) for each of said components.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said delivery wrapper comprises a list of said components.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein said components comprises presentation software and presentation data.
- 25 4. The method of claim 2 wherein said delivery wrapper further comprises a delivery agent executable on said receiving computer.
5. The method of claim 2 wherein said delivery wrapper further comprises a first delivery agent and a second delivery agent wherein said first and second delivery agents are executable on computers with different environments.
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6. The method of claim 1 wherein, during step (d)(ii), if a CNR message relating to said selection component is received while said selected component is being transmitted, the transmission of said selected component is terminated.

7. A method of receiving a message at a receiving computer, wherein said message is transmitted from a transmitting computer comprising:

- (a) receiving a delivery wrapper associated with said message, wherein said delivery wrapper contains a list of components;
- (b) selecting one of said components;
- (c) determining whether said selected component is available on said receiving computer;
- (d) if said selected component is determined to be available in step (c), then transmitting a CNR message to said transmitting computer, wherein said CNR message indicates that said selected component need not be transmitted to said receiving computer; and
- (e) repeating steps (b), (c) and (d) for each the remaining components in said list of components.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein further comprising:

- (f) receiving message data associated with said message; and
- (g) receiving one or more of said components;

9. The method of claim 7 wherein said components include presentation software and presentation data.

10. The method of claim 7 wherein, in step (c), if an equivalent of said selected components is determined to be available, then said component is deemed to be available.

